

October 26, 2005

Mr. John Baty  
Planning, Building and Code Enforcement  
200 East Santa Clara Street  
San Jose, CA 95113-1905

RE: OPPOSITION to a FULL SERVICE GROCERY OPERATION  
expansion at the Evergreen Community College site.

Dear Mr. Baty,

I am the assistant manager of Windermere Silicon Valley Properties, located at 5609 Silver Creek Valley Road and a resident in the Evergreen area of San Jose. I am writing because I am concerned about the negative impacts of allowing a new grocery operation to be developed at the Evergreen Community College site.

Anyone that has been in the Evergreen area for any length of time knows that Cosentino's is out for sublease/sale due to lower than expected performance and Lunardi's markets are struggling to make it as well.

I run a local business that I have invested heavily in both emotionally and financially. Running a small business is difficult at best and we are all totally dependant on traffic counts to our centers. The last thing that any of us can afford is another grocery operator coming into an area within such proximity to two already existing centers known as Canyon Creek Plaza and Evergreen Village Square.

It would be absurd to allow another grocery store at the college site in spite of what the Metrovation study indicates. The conclusions in the study are wrong and will only serve to take apart two centers that are fine assets to our community.

Please consider these negative impacts when planning our area. I hope common sense will prevail and the college site will not be allowed to develop a grocery operator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ralph A. Rodriguez', with a stylized, flowing script.

Ralph A. Rodriguez  
Realtor®/Assistant Manager  
Of Windermere Silicon Valley Properties